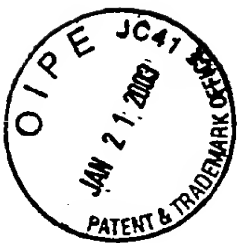


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SUBJECT: Applicant: Prendergast et al.
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Filed: February 15, 2001
For: ISOLATION SYSTEM WITH ANALOG
COMMUNICATION ACROSS AN
ISOLATION BARRIER
Examiner: Singh, R.
Group: 2644
Docket No: AD-217J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2002 in the subject Application. Also enclosed are a Petition for Extension of Time within the First Month, and a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the fee to obtain the Extension.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned, or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference

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in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.S. Rosenholm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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